

Old Town Hill Youth and Adults Participate in World Changers 2026

June 15 – 20, teens and adults from Old Town Hill were in Knoxville, Tennessee, for World Changers. They helped with painting projects, deck building, and house repairs and shared Jesus with the people they encountered. Following is an article from Myla Douglas that shares her experience.

World Changers is always a refreshing experience. I am Myla Douglas and I am going to be a sophomore in high school this year. Every year I participate in World Changers at our church, and I think I probably always will. It is an incredible experience where teenagers get to spend time with other Christians their age, get fed, and also serve at the exact same time. We also make new friends that last forever. Not only do you get to meet friends your age but it's amazing to see all the people from other



churches come together no matter where they are in their walk with Christ or their age and just serve the Lord. The summer staff and World Changer crew always make sure that you have a

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OTH and NDBC-Muncie Reach Kids via VBS

Last month we covered the VBS held at Redeemer and New Day in Alexandria. Following are reports of the VBS held at Old Town Hill Baptist Church and New Day Baptist Church in Muncie. See more on page 6.

Old Town Hill Baptist Church VBS

By Sabra Douglas

Old Town Hill celebrated Illumination Station VBS from June 28 to July 2 this summer. We had an average attendance of 89 and 116 registered participants. We had a great week seeing new and familiar faces! Dinner was served each evening for all the students and volunteers. Everyone had a good time participating in penny wars, hoping to see volunteers wear inflatable costumes and dance and race at the end of the week. Our offering this year was taken for Blake's Bibles in memory of Cpl. Blake Reynolds. We were able to donate over \$1,800.00 for children's Bibles to be placed in police officers' vehicles. These will be given to comfort and share God's Love in situations where officers can offer and share hope. VBS is always a favorite week of the summer and 2026 was no different!

New Day Baptist Church-Muncie VBS

By Deneia Trego

New Day Muncie Campus hosted VBS June 25th -27th with an average of 24 children. The children

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

No, this month's article is not a look at Bible trivia; however, it is an article that can help you in your personal Bible study time. For instance, we know that the first five books of the Old Testament are traditionally viewed as the writings of Moses. BUT, did you know that between Genesis 13 and 14, comes the book of Job? Knowing this can greatly assist the student in becoming acclimated to the progression of Scripture.

Did you know that the first book of our New Testament was written by the half-brother of Jesus? Yes, James penned his writing around A.D. 48, just eighteen years after the beginning of the Church. Knowing the order of the New Testament epistles/letters, gospels, and the Apocrypha is vitally important for the student of God's Word.

To add one other consideration to Bible study, let us consider the importance of knowing where paragraph divisions appear in the twenty-seven books of our New Testament. This feature is vitally important when considering the matter of "context."

Perhaps, you have heard a speaker mention the word

"context" — they use this word so you will understand some of the background associated with the passage being used. Referring to the writing date of the passage being used to further explain why the passage is phrased in that passage.

As a student of the Bible, you will always attempt to place yourself — in the place of the writer (why did God direct the writer to state such) in the place of the recipient (what problem were they experiencing) in openness to what God is saying to you!

One final note...as you continue in the study of God's Word, you might begin noticing certain words used by the writer. Ask yourself why does he use this word so much? What does it mean and what is the significance of that word? As you develop a familiarity to this type of Bible study, you will discover a new level of appreciation for God's Word AND a new way God begins to change your life. After all, isn't that the reason for studying the Word of God?

Just something to consider as you are being "conformed to the image of Jesus Christ."

"The Lord Added... Those Who Were Being Saved"



The joy is evident on Karen Mandrell's face as Pastor Paul Storm, Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson, baptizes her.

Upcoming Events

**Thursday, September 24th,
6:00 p.m.—ECBA
Fellowship Meal** at New Day Baptist church, 202 W Tyler, Alexandria.

**Thursday, September 24th,
7:00 p.m.—ECBA Annual
Meeting** at New Day Baptist church, 202 W Tyler, Alexandria.

SBC Emphasis for September
**September 19th — Children's
Mission Day**
**September 27th — Caring Well
Sunday (Sexual Abuse
Awareness)**

September



Please pray for our pastors and their wives on these special occasions coming up next month.

Birthdays

September 1—Deneia Trego, New Day, Muncie

September 18—Dana Jones, Faith Christian, Anderson

September 21—Melissa Reynolds, Old Town Hill, Muncie

September 28—Paul Storm, Redeemer, Anderson

Anniversaries

None

Church Anniversaries

None

More from World Changers

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fun experience and the speakers every year are always super incredible with really amazing Christian insights in the world today. World Changers is always a refreshing experience, and you always leave feeling on fire for Christ. It gets you out of your comfort zone and makes you want to share your love for Christ with others when you get back home. I am so blessed to have gotten to be a part of this ministry so many times.



Disaster Relief Continues to Serve Those in Need

Our Disaster Relief team has been busy in Northern Indiana cleaning up from the storms there but are now done in that area. There is a possibility that they may get called out to go to Wisconsin but that's yet to be determined.



In the meantime, they have been helping to build handicap-assessable ramps. The latest one was for a man on hospice who needed it to be able to get in and out of his home.

Disaster Relief training was held August 1 at Missionary Baptist Church in Spiceland IN from 8 am – 2:30 pm. There will be more training opportunities in the future so if God is stirring your heart to help those in need through this ministry, please contact our ECBA Disaster Relief Coordinator, Joe Fox at 765-729-1366.

Preparing Hearts for Christmas in August

By Tami Hubler

Women of New Day Baptist Church gathered for an evening of fellowship, missions, and creativity during Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas in August, co-hosted by Rhonda Arnold and Tami Hubler.

Following a potluck dinner and prayer, participants learned about the three missionaries featured in this year's WMU Christmas in August emphasis. As a meaningful reminder to pray throughout the month of August, the group created more than 30 keepsake ornaments, each containing information about a featured missionary, their ministry, and ways to pray for and support their work.

The evening ended

with a lively White Elephant gift exchange that had everyone laughing. More



importantly, each woman left with a special ornament and a renewed reminder to pray for the featured missionaries throughout the month of August. Inspired by John 20:21, participants were reminded that preparing for Christmas begins with hearts focused on sharing the hope of Christ with the world.

To learn more about the featured Christmas in August missionaries or to find ways to pray for and support them, visit the WMU Christmas in August Missionary List: <https://wmu.com/churchwide/support-pray/christmas-in-august/>



Evangelism...One Message,

By Tina Brooks

Redeemer has been very busy in July. July 3, we hosted free parking for our town's fireworks. Not only did we offer free parking, we passed out free popcorn, popsicles, and water and offered information about our church. Several in attendance came early enough to also see the air show.

On Saturday, July 11, we had our pancake breakfast and school supplies handouts. Over 400 pancakes and 300 sausages were prepared and eaten. We passed out over 200 bags of school supplies to the children. Parents were offered information about the church and could sign up for a drawing for a free backpack filled with supplies. It was a great day!



Parents signed up for the free drawing for a backpack full of supplies.



So many people showed up for the free pancake breakfast and school supplies give-away that the church had to set up additional tables and chairs.



Members from Redeemer are ready to pass out free popcorn, popsicles, and water and share with the visitors about Jesus and His body of believers at Redeemer Baptist Church.



Redeemer volunteers serve breakfast and welcome guests.



This boy kept his free school supplies next to him while he ate his free breakfast.



People brought chairs and blankets to spread across the lawn as they waited to view the fireworks on July 3. The yard filled up as it got dark.

Redeemer Celebrates by Burning Paid-off Mortgage on the Church Building



Chairman of the Deacons, Don Sweigart, burns a copy of the church's mortgage note. It created some extra excitement when the fire set off the fire alarm located right above it. The church also celebrated with a pitch-in dinner followed by worship through music led by Adams Voice.

Evangelism...Many Forms

New Day Baptist Church continues their outreach at the Falls Park in Pendleton on Saturdays. They give away free pulled pork sandwiches and engage people in gospel conversations. This past Saturday they gave out 120 sandwiches and free gospel tracks.

This year they also had a booth at the Madison County 4-H Fair, July 27 – 31, at Beulah Park in Alexandria. They passed out free water and had games that kids could play. Most importantly, they shared Jesus with those who stopped by.



More Vacation Bible School Pictures

raised \$261.00 for the local mission Isaiah House (which provides items needed for children that have been removed from their home). The children ranging from pre-k to 12th grade also learned that Jesus is the light of the world and that he is the Son of the living God.

New Day—Muncie



Old Town Hill



ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for June 2026

	Jun 2026	May 2026 (PP)	Jun 2025 (PY)	Jan - Jun, 2026 (YTD)
REVENUE				
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	550.00	550.00	550.00	3,300.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	198.60	67.56	228.48	786.82
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	102.44	0.00	263.92	401.62
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00	1,178.39	2,521.89	2,429.16
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	0.00	516.66	666.67	1,271.39
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
4230 Integris	112.00	89.00	140.00	646.00
4240 Remedy City	130.61	135.46	108.57	804.17
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	0.00	0.00	921.00
Total 4000 Church Receipts	1,093.65	2,537.07	4,629.53	10,560.16
Total Revenue	1,093.65	2,537.07	4,629.53	10,560.16
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Office & Other Misc. Expenses	111.11	80.50	94.44	1,855.83
7021 Insurance	0.00	195.59	0.00	1,566.59
7090 Payroll	1,078.61	1,078.61	1,024.78	6,471.67
7091 Bookkeeping	29.70	49.02	38.10	252.22
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	1,219.42	1,403.72	1,157.32	10,146.31
7100 Church Health	600.00	0.00	1,850.00	600.00
7110 VBS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,719.74
Total 7100 Church Health	600.00	0.00	1,850.00	2,319.74
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7310 Disaster Relief	0.00	2,173.66	0.00	2,173.66
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	2,173.66	0.00	2,173.66
Total Expenditures	1,819.42	3,577.38	3,007.32	14,639.71
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-725.77	-1,040.31	1,622.21	-4,079.55
OTHER REVENUE				
Endowment ROI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividends Earned	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.05
Realized Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	-45.96
Unrealized Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.50
Total Endowment ROI	0.00	0.00	0.00	-20.41
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,034.99
Total Other Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.58
NET OTHER REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.58
NET REVENUE	\$ -725.77	\$ -1,040.31	\$1,622.21	\$ -3,064.97

ECBA Balance Report June 2026

	As of Jun 30, 2026	As of May 31, 2026 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	102,992.77	103,718.54	-725.77
1010 General Budget (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1011 Discretionary Admin Team (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 Mission Building Capital Fund (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1035 Church P&H Fund (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1040 OMC (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1055 Funds Temporarily Restricted (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1111 Church P&H ROI (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1000 ONB	102,992.77	103,718.54	-725.77
1010 WatersEdge Endowment 87745	13,988.06	13,988.06	0.00
1020 WatersEdge Invest 90043901	101,822.91	101,822.91	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	218,803.74	219,529.51	-725.77
Total Current Assets	218,803.74	219,529.51	-725.77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$218,803.74	\$219,529.51	\$ -725.77
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			0.00
Equity			
2000 Opening Balance Equity	45,107.04	45,107.04	0.00
2200 Unrestricted Net Assets	176,761.67	176,761.67	0.00
Net Revenue	-3,064.97	-2,339.20	-725.77
Total Equity	218,803.74	219,529.51	-725.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$218,803.74	\$219,529.51	\$ -725.77

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